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SUBJ: RUANDA BORDER REQUIREMENTS

REF: KIGALI 0242

1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, RWANDAN BORDER AUTHORITIES INSTRUCTED BY GOR IMMIGRATION SERVICE REQUIRE PERSONS ENTERING RWANDA HAVE NEGOTIABLE HARD CURRENCY EQUIVALENT RF1000 (\$11.00) PER PERSON PER DAY OF STAY IN RWANDA. PURPOSE OF REGULATION (ACCORDING DIRIMMIGRATION) IS TO ASSURE TOURISTS HAVE ENOUGH MONEY PAY FOR HOTELS AND MEALS AND DO NOT CAMP OUT IN STREETS OR BEG FOOD FROM POPULATION. RF1000 IS CONSIDERED MINIMAL AMOUNT. REQUIREMENT MAY BE HIGHER IN SOME GOR VISA ISSUING POSTS. DIRECTOR SAID GOR EMBASSY WASHINGTON'S REQUIREMENT THAT VISA APPLICANTS PLEDGE SPEND \$20 PER DAY IN RWANDA "PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE".

2. IN RESPONSE EMBOFF QUERY JULY 9, DIRIMMIGRATION SAID CURRENCY REGULATION DOES NOT REPEAT NOT APPLY
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MISSIONARIES AND OTHER RELIGIOUS WHO CAN EXPECT

HOSPITALITY FROM THEIR CHURCH GROUP. CIRCULAR HAS BEEN SENT FRONTIER POSTS ALERTING THEM MISSIONARY EXCEPTION. DIR SAID IF MISSIONARIES ENCOUNTER BORDER DEMANDS FOR PROOF RF1000 EXPENDITURE, THEY SHOULD REQUEST BORDER POST TELEPHONE IMMIGRATION SERVICE KIGALI WHICH WILL SET THEM STRAIGHT.

3. KIGALI AIRPORT IMMIGRATION NOT YET ENFORCING CURRENCY REGULATION.

4. EMBASSY INTENDS DISCUSS WITH DIRTOURISM RENZAHU IN NEAR FUTURE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON TOURISM OF INCREASING RESTRICTIONS FOR ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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